

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 4, 2007

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:10 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. This was following a reception for the outgoing Council members, Robert Kittle and August Tindell.

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Dean Mathis with First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Fred Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell were present.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting. Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of November 20, 2007. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mayor Armstrong presented Robert Kittle and August Tindell with plaques in honor of their years served on the Columbus City Council.

I. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 32, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “R-5” (URBAN RESIDENTIAL) TO “SU-22” (SPECIAL USE-CLUSTER RESIDENTIAL).” (Sunset Cove) Jeff Bergman recapped this Ordinance. He showed the area photos of the approximately 17 acres. Jeff indicated the developer had resolved the questions the staff had regarding the rezoning and had sent a memo to Council addressing those questions. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.39, 2007, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Hoosier Tool & Die) Judy Jackson, Community Development Director, along with Mark Foster

representing Hoosier Tool & Die presented the Resolution for Tax Abatement. Hoosier Tool & Die requested their fifth tax abatement for an investment of \$200,000 in real property improvements and \$500,000 in manufacturing equipment. Mark Foster gave a brief overview of Hoosier Tool & Die and their overall market. Council Person Craig Hawes reported the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Hoosier Tool & Die to be in substantial compliance. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Council Person George Dutro explained tax abatement to the guests, primarily students that were in the audience. Ted Dawson, Economic Development Director, also spoke in support of the tax abatement.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.40, 2007, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Keith Reeves, Columbus City Utilities Director, presented the Resolution to approve the 2008 Budget for Utilities. Brief discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 41, 2007, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF COLUMBUS GENERAL FUND TO THAT OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME ACCOUNT.” J.D. Worton presented this Resolution. He asked Council to increase the overtime appropriation line in the Police Department’s budget to reflect the reimbursement from federal funds of “OCDETF”. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Report on Commons. Tom Vujovich, Redevelopment Commission President, spoke on the proposal of the Commons Mall. He informed City Council of the possibility of demolition and the prospects of what would occupy the property in the future. David Doup, representative of the Commons Board also spoke on the state of the mall. Ed Curtin, Redevelopment Director, gave an update of the different projects in the downtown. Mayor Armstrong commented on what the cost might be to the City of Columbus. George Dutro, as liaison to the Commons Board, spoke concerning how quickly this was taking place. George Dutro made a motion to agree with the Redevelopment Commission’s recommendation to tear down the mall. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- C. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting **WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2, 2008** at 7:00 P.M.

D. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer